

State of Arizona
Senate
Forty-sixth Legislature
First Regular Session
2003

CHAPTER 203

SENATE BILL 1149

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-424, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-424, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-424. Election of governing board members; terms; statement
5 of contributions and expenditures

6 A. A regular election shall be held for each school district at the
7 time and place, and in the manner, of general elections as provided in title
8 16.

9 B. Except as provided in subsection C of this section and sections
10 15-429 and 15-430, the term of office for each member shall be four years
11 from January 1 next following his election.

12 C. At the first general election held for a newly formed district,
13 three members shall be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number
14 of votes shall be elected to a four year term, and the candidates having the
15 second and third highest number of votes shall be elected to two year
16 terms. A district increasing its governing board to five members shall at
17 the next general election elect members in the following manner:

18 1. If one of the previous three offices is to be filled, the three
19 candidates receiving the highest, the second highest and the third highest
20 number of votes shall be elected to four year terms.

21 2. If two of the previous three offices are to be filled, the
22 candidates receiving the highest, the second highest and the third highest
23 number of votes shall be elected to four year terms. The candidate receiving
24 the fourth highest number of votes shall be elected to a two year
25 term. Thereafter all such offices shall have four year terms.

26 D. IF ONLY ONE PERSON FILES OR NO PERSON FILES A NOMINATING PETITION
27 FOR AN ELECTION TO FILL A DISTRICT OFFICE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY UP
28 TO SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, CANCEL THE ELECTION FOR THE
29 POSITION AND APPOINT THE PERSON WHO FILED THE NOMINATING PETITION TO FILL THE
30 POSITION. IF NO PERSON FILES A NOMINATING PETITION FOR AN ELECTION TO FILL
31 A DISTRICT OFFICE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY UP TO SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS
32 BEFORE THE ELECTION, CANCEL THE ELECTION FOR THAT OFFICE AND THAT OFFICE IS
33 DEEMED VACANT AND SHALL BE FILLED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-302. A PERSON
34 WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS FULLY VESTED WITH THE POWERS AND
35 DUTIES OF THE OFFICE AS IF ELECTED TO THAT OFFICE.

36 ~~D.~~ E. If two or more candidates receive an equal number of votes for
37 the same office, and a higher number than any other candidate for that
38 office, whether upon the tally by the school election board or canvass of
39 returns by the board of supervisors, or upon recount by a court, the officer
40 or board whose duty it is to declare the result shall determine by lot and
41 in the presence of the candidates which candidate shall be declared elected.

42 ~~E.~~ F. Position of the names of candidates for each office shall be
43 rotated so that each candidate occupies each position on the ballot an equal
44 number of times, insofar as is possible, for each ballot style. For

1 candidates seeking election to fill a vacancy on the governing board, the
2 ballot shall be designated as provided in section 16-502.

3 F. G. This section does not require that a school election at which
4 no member is to be elected be held on a general election day.

5 G. H. All candidates for the office of school district governing
6 board member shall file with the county school superintendent a statement of
7 contributions and expenditures as provided in section 16-913.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 12, 2003.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 13, 2003.

Passed the House April 14, 2003,


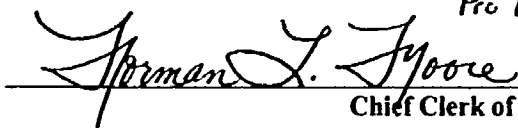
by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

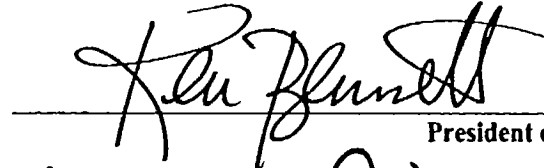
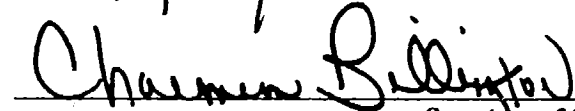
1 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Passed the Senate March 12, 2003,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting


Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore

Chief Clerk of the House


President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

~~This Bill was received by the Governor this~~

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

~~_____
Secretary to the Governor~~

~~Approved this _____ day of~~

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Governor of Arizona~~

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

~~This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this _____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS
AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate May 6, 2003

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

1 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Klu Blumett
President of the Senate
Charmine Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

6 day of May, 2003

at 3:11 o'clock P M.

Sandra L. Janj
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 12 day of

May, 2003,

at 9¹⁰ o'clock A M.

J. T. Aguilera
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 13 day of May, 2003,

at 4:03 o'clock P M.

Janice L. Brewer
Secretary of State

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